

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

(1) A method for use by a business enterprise of the type which selectively creates a plurality of joints, said
5 method comprising the step of:

causing each of said plurality of joints to be created in a substantially identical manner by use of an adhesive material.

(2) The method of claim 1 when each of said joints
10 comprises a full coach joint.

(3) The method of claim 2 wherein each of said plurality of joints comprise a half-coach joint.

(4) The method of claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of joints comprises a lap joint.

15 (5) The method of claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of joints are used to form a vehicle.

(6) The method of claim 2 wherein each of said joints has a respective coverage portion and a respective fillet portion and wherein said adhesive is placed upon about ten
20 percent of each of said respective fillet portions and upon about fifty percent of each of said respective coverage portions.

(7) The method of claim 3 wherein each of said joints has a respective flange coverage portion and a respective
25 fillet portion and wherein said adhesive is placed upon

about ten percent of each of said respective fillet portions and about fifty percent of each of said respective coverage portions.

5 ~~(8)~~ A method for forming a joint of the type which is formed by a first and a second member and having a certain coverage portion and a certain fillet portion, said method comprising the steps of:

10 applying said adhesive upon about one-half of said coverage portion and about ten percent of said fillet portion, effective to cause said adhesive to connect said first member to said second member.

(9) The method of Claim 8 wherein said joint comprises a coach joint.

15 (10) The method of Claim 8 wherein said joint comprises a one-half coach joint.

(11) The method of Claim 8 wherein said joint is formed by first and second members of a vehicle.

20 ~~(12)~~ A method for applying adhesive within a lap joint having a certain coverage portion, said method comprising the step of applying said adhesive upon about at least one half of said coverage portion.

(13) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of applying said adhesive upon about one half to about seventy-five percent of said coverage portion.

(14) The method of Claim 12 wherein said joint comprises a center point and wherein said adhesive extends in a substantially equal length in each direction from said center point.

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